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The President
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Mr. President:

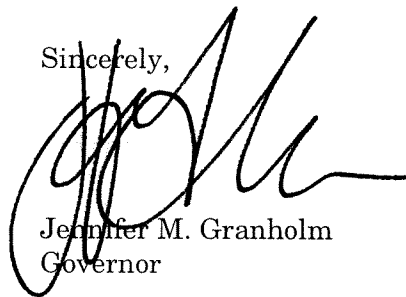
One year ago this week, you signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005 into law. You urged passage of this law by insisting it was necessary to provide long-term certainty to American consumers that they would have a clean, reliable, efficient and affordable energy supply.

Two years after you assured Americans that a federal energy bill would help lower gas prices, oil companies are making record profits while consumers are emptying their wallets at the pump. Even worse, despite oil companies' rhetoric that they are reinvesting profits to improve supply, we now know that at least one company has put off critical pipeline maintenance, leaving our economy even more dependent on unstable foreign governments.

Mr. President, your energy policies have failed to reduce our dependence on foreign oil and failed to relieve consumers from record high gasoline prices. Even worse, because of lax federal oversight, consumers are now paying even higher prices at the pump. I urge you to take immediate action to stabilize gasoline markets by releasing oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). I also urge you to order federal agencies to crack down on oil companies that are breaking the law by failing to perform required maintenance that jeopardizes oil supplies, the environment, and worker and public safety.

This administration cannot continue to sit idly by while consumers feel increasing pain at the pump – it cannot continue to favor big oil and other special interests at the expense of the American people. I urge you to take swift action to bring relief to American consumers and the economy.

Sincerely,



Jennifer M. Granholm
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